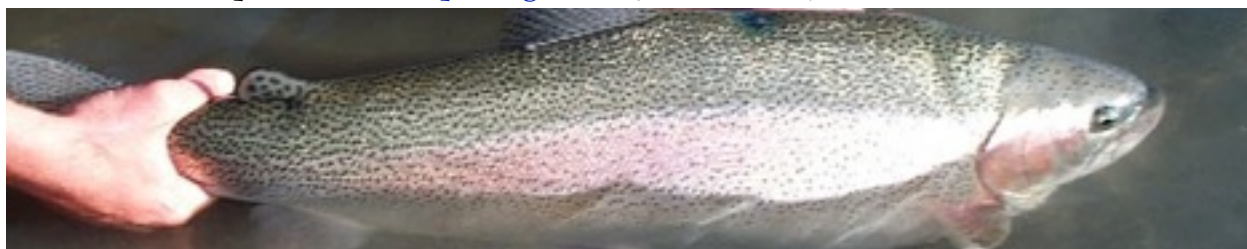


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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, Fellow OPTU'ers ....

On September 11 our Conservation Officer, Robin Marsett, received word from Don Mitchell of AZG&F the the two proposed regulation changes of particular interest to OPTU had been adopted by the G&F Commission. To recap, the two proposals were 1) adopt catch and release, single barbless artificial fly or lure, fishing for Grant Creek, and 2) allow catch and release fishing, using single barbless artificial fly or lure only, for Gila Trout in Frye Creek each year between October and the following March. These regulations will take effect in January, 2015. And, speaking of Conservation, the following was received from the Zane Grey Chapter in Phoenix:

### Volunteers Needed to Move Gravel at Canyon Creek

Fifteen volunteers are needed on September 27th for installation of 8 tons of spawning gravel at Canyon Creek to continue the gains made in the establishment of a successful wild brown trout fishery. Volunteers will meet on Saturday September 27th at 8:00am in the Canyon Creek Meadow parking lot to move gravel into the stream. Directions to the meadow are: Take SR 260 east from Payson to the junction with FS 512 (road to Young). Turn right and drive south on FS 512 approximately 3 miles to the Canyon Creek turnoff and turn left (east) on FS 33 and continue for 3 miles to FS 34 and proceed to the meadow.

Recommended items to bring include work gloves, shovels, buckets, protective eyewear, hats, sun screen, snacks and water. Fishing equipment is optional if you plan to spend time there after the project. All volunteers will receive a Canyon Creek Patch showing their involvement. If you can assist in this project, please contact Curt Gill at [cgill@azgfd.gov](mailto:cgill@azgfd.gov) and Jake Jaeger at [jjjaeger@azgfd.gov](mailto:jjjaeger@azgfd.gov) to be added to the volunteer list and for updates on the project.

### Volunteers Needed for Gila Trout Stocking

ZGTU continues its partnership with the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) in the Arizona Partnership Waters Program to work on the reintroduction and maintaining of Gila Trout in Grapevine Creek on the Prescott National Forest. Volunteers are needed to assist AZGFD on Thursday, October 16th, to stock 250 Gila trout in various points in the watershed.

Volunteers should plan to arrive at the Grapevine Creek area at 9 a.m. and plan to finish around mid-afternoon. If you are interested in participating or need additional information, please contact Mike Anderson, AZGFD Native Trout Program Coordinator at [manderson@azgfd.gov](mailto:manderson@azgfd.gov) or 623-236-7653. You will be added to the volunteer list and be provided updates as the project progresses.

If you are able to participate in either or both of these, please contact the individuals listed. For trip planning purposes, Canyon Creek is at least 4-5 hours from central Tucson and Grapevine Creek is about 4 hours. I am sure both of these are weather-dependent, so if you sign up make sure you will be notified of any delay or cancellation.



Our Speaker for the October 1 meeting (Viscount Suites Hotel, on Broadway 1/4 mile east of Swan, 7:00 p.m.) will be Vince Deadmond from the Desert Fly Casters club in Phoenix. Some of you will remember Vince from the May meeting and his presentation on the Salt River near Phoenix. His topic for this talk is "Salt Water Fly Fishing in Rocky Point, Mexico". Each year, members of the DFC travel to Rocky Point for 4-5 days of salt water fishing and camaraderie. The DFC sends an open invitation to anybody from OPTU that wants to participate with them. I hope to see you there ....Best Regards,

Steve Reiter, President

## **WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES**

### Women's Initiative (WI)

OPTU is looking for someone to take the lead for this work. Responsibilities include taking part in the monthly teleconference, attending a monthly board meeting and working with the board to encourage more women to participate in Trout Unlimited. The only requirements are that you participate in the phone meetings and let the board know the WI status. Please contact Roseann at 760.1659 or rzann@comcast.net for information on the next teleconference.

## **TU.ORG WEBSITE UPGRADE FOR OPTU**

The OPTU Chapter is currently working with TU National to add our information to the TU.org web site. The new TU site provides for user stream reports, Chapter event notifications, individual and group blogs and many others. Stop by the tu.org site, add your profile and start exploring, post your fish porn, trip information and anything fishing related to the Old Pueblo -- 531 group site. Roseann Marsett (rzann@comcast.net) and Kathleen Vitelli (kayceesgarden@att.com) welcome your participation. If you have any questions, problems or help with postings please let us know. We hope to have the transition completed by the end of the summer but we are up for your participation in the meantime.

Thanks,  
Roseann Marsett

### **Calendar**

**OCT 1** Regular meeting at the Viscount - 6:30 pm - 4855 East Broadway, Tucson, AZ, 85711. The speaker will be Vince Deadmond from the Desert Fly Casters

**OCT 1** BOARD MEETING: 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Viscount Suites.

**OCT 22:** Lie and Tie (6:30 pm); Dry Creek Outfitters, 5655 East River Road, Suite 131. Call Eric at 326-7847.

**NOV 5** Regular meeting at the Viscount - 6:30 pm - 4855 East Broadway, Tucson, AZ, 85711. Speaker TBA.

**NOV 5** BOARD MEETING: 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Viscount Suites.

**NOV 26:** Lie and Tie (6:30 pm); Dry Creek Outfitters, 5655 East River Road, Suite 131. Call Eric at 326-7847.

## Youth Activities

Flowing Wells H.S. Agricultural Science will be doing TIC this school year. It will be started after Thanksgiving with setting up equipment before Winter Holidays and getting trout eggs afterwards. *Joe Fagan*

## Conservation

Conservation work is continuing in the Chiricahua Mountains. We will be placing temperature loggers over the fall and winter. Please send an e-mail to [rmarsett@comcast.net](mailto:rmarsett@comcast.net) if you are interested in helping.

On a related note the Game and Fish Commission approved two actions which will have an impact on us in OPTU. They have approved designating Grant Creek on Mount Graham as a catch and release, artificial, single hook, barbless fishery starting 1 January of 2015. This is in response to a request put forward by us and the Tucson Office of the Arizona Game and Fish Department. The second change is that Frey Creek, on Mount Graham, will be open to catch and release, single hook, artificial, barbless for Gila Trout from 1 October to 30 March starting on 1 October of 2015.



## PROJECT HEALING WATERS FLY FISHING



Project Healing Waters just returned from Durango, Colorado where we held Operation Wild Trout V. We had 15 veterans, a few care givers, and half a dozen helpers on this trip. As always it was a great opportunity to fish spring creeks, freestone mountain streams and the fine tail water of the San Juan.

The troops caught some monster rainbows and browns at the Juan and Kips private pond along with some nice Colorado River and Rio Grande Cutthroats in the high country. There was also a healthy number of brookies landed.

The group is also headed to the White Mountains for the annual Silver Creek opening on October 1st. There will be more on this trip when they return.

We will start our monthly day outings to Rose Canyon and local streams in October or November. Once we see how much we get from National for our 2015 budget we will be able to plan further fund raising events for the coming year.

Currently we have raffle tickets for the Jim Click Vehicle give away. Contact Jim Owens for details 744-3732 [jjowen@comcast.net](mailto:jjowen@comcast.net).

We are raffling off a fly plate made up of campaign ribbons and flies tied to match their colors. Tickets are \$1 apiece or 6 for \$5. Contact any of the Project Healing Waters folks. *Robin Marsett*



## Upcoming Fishing Trips and Outings Reports

### 13th Annual San Juan, New Mexico Trip

Dates will be Sunday April 13 to Friday April 18, 2015. If you are interested the cost should be about \$450 for all food, lodging, transportation, and fun. Contact the editor at [jemurphy51@me.com](mailto:jemurphy51@me.com) to sign up. Trip is limited to 9 people and is half full at present. Money won't be due till about December.



San Juan and  
Lees Ferry



### Lees Ferry, AZ - March 23 - 26, 2015

Once again we are very excited to announce the 2015 OPTU fishing outing will again be held at Lee's Ferry, Arizona. We had a great time at Lee's Ferry this past March.....the wild Rainbow trout were in full spawn, showing off their beautiful color and aggressively hitting our lines.

For those not familiar with this water, Lee's Ferry is a massive, clear running cold water fishery. It runs 15.5 miles from the outflow of Lake Powell at the Glen Canyon Dam to the upper end of the Grand Canyon. The scenery is breathtaking and just enhances the view while fishing. There will be two days of guided fishing provided by Lee's Ferry Anglers owned by Terry and Wendy Gunn. All guides are full time professionals....no part-time guides. They will provide the boats which will allow us to fish the entire stretch of the Colorado River in this area.

We will be staying at the Cliff Dweller's Lodge at the base of the Vermillion Cliffs. The lodge was built in the 1950's and was purchased by the Gunn's in 2001 and has since been renovated.

We estimate the cost of the trip will be \$650 per person. The following will be included in the price: three nights lodging at Cliff Dwellers; two full days of guided fly fishing on the river; tips for all guides and lunch will be provided on fishing days.

Unlike last year, OPTU will not be providing transportation. If you reserve a spot for this trip, please indicate whether you would be able to drive...this will help us organize car pooling so gas costs can be shared. Attendees will also be responsible for paying for their own breakfast and dinner which will be at Cliff Dweller's Lodge restaurant. Also, if your guide provides you with flies during guided fishing, you will be responsible to that guide for reimbursement.

Please note: spots are limited so we will reserve them on a first come, first serve basis.....you must send me an email to reserve a spot at [kayceesgarden@att.net](mailto:kayceesgarden@att.net). Upon reserving your spot, a \$100 deposit will be required by our OPTU November member's meeting which will be November 5th. The balance of the payment will be due by our January 2015 meeting.

I look forward to hearing from you via email. If you have any questions, you can also reach me on my cell phone, 570-762-2020. For those of you who attend our OPTU meetings, I will not be back in Tucson until the October 2014 meeting. *Joseph Vitelli, OPTU Outings Coordinator*

## **Tips and Tricks**

Fun facts about WD-40 <http://wd40.com/about-us/myths-legends-fun-facts/>  
Google fly fishing tips and techniques for hundreds of links.

## **DRY CREEK OUTFITTERS: NEWS AND BARGAINS**

Call us if you need something. If you're unable to make it to the shop before your next trip, we are happy to drop a few bugs and/or leaders (or whatever) in the mail - shipping is free.

Dry Creek resides at the River Center mall; NE corner of River and Craycroft and is open **Tuesdays through Saturdays** from 10 am to 7 pm Tuesday to Friday and 9:30 am to 6 pm on Saturday. Address: 5655 East River Road, Suite 131, Tucson, AZ 85750 and phone (520) 326-7847. East side of the River Center between a beauty shop and Japanese restaurant. Eric is a long-time supporter of OPTU and we all need to be sure to support him. So get over to DCO and buy some of those essential things you know you need. *The Editor*

### **FOR SALE**

Let the editor know if you have things to sell.

### **FOR RENT**

4 BR house in Heber City, UT. 15 miles from Park City and a mile from the Provo River; 2.5 hrs to the Green. \$600 per week or \$100/night - plus housecleaning fee. Extra beyond 4 guests. Call John at 520-250-4083 if interested in checking it out.

## **Arizona Game and Fish Interactive Stocking Schedule**

[http://www.azgfd.gov/pdfs/h\\_f/fishing/stocking/2012SumTroutStockSchedule.pdf](http://www.azgfd.gov/pdfs/h_f/fishing/stocking/2012SumTroutStockSchedule.pdf)

## **QUOTES AND JOKES**

Absent a jury of our peers, too many non-fishermen believe anglers actually make conscious choices about when they should be somewhere. This is because people who don't fish don't understand "fishing-time."

Fishing-time is not like normal time. In normal time, people are in charge. In fishing-time, fish are. This is where the trouble begins. To a fisherman, a hot bite is like a black hole somewhere in deep space. Time as we know it ceases in black holes. Fishermen swept into such black holes can be favorably compared to some future astronaut who, temporarily sucked into a black hole on her way home from the office, arrives home for supper a couple of centuries late. You would not blame a well-intentioned astronaut and mother of two for tardiness due to time distortion, and you shouldn't blame fishermen.

In general, fishing-time tends to be short, not long. A few hours seems to account for most episodes of fishing. Our experience of fishing-time is that it is too limited - which may account for why so many of us spend so much of our non-fishing-time daydreaming about fishing, hanging around tackle shops, tying flies and swapping fishing lies with one another.

Like red wine and white fish, watches and fishing don't go together. A watch tells you when to go home or go to work, not when to go fishing. If you see a fisherman cast, look at his watch, cast, look at his watch, land a fish, look at his watch, cast and look at his watch, you can pretty much figure he's got either a date in court or a bad marriage.

Of all the hardware a fisherman carries with him to the stream, his timepiece is the least important.  
*Paul Quinnett*

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## FISHING REPORTS

Alaska September 2014

The "Murphy Group" headed to the Great Alaska Lodge in Sterling, AK on the Kenai Peninsula for our 14th annual trip. Four Tucsonans (Murphy, Hanks, Hanks, and Malone) were met by repeat visitor friends from Texas (Houston and Austin), Arkansas, and Wisconsin. The Hanks' and I focused on steelhead for three days but the luck was only fair. Each steelhead hooked was a prize and we enjoyed our efforts. Much of the group focused relatively heavily on bringing home silver salmon and generally had their limit each day. The last day the salmon crew limited by 9 am and then caught and released another dozen or so apiece. Poundage was reportedly quite high that day.

The other focus of the trip was on rainbows and dolly varden on the upper and middle portions of the Kenai River. The upper, as usual, yielded the high volume with dozens of good size caught by everyone each day. The middle holds the biggest fish and I managed to land a nice one of 29" x 17." By the various formulas that is somewhere around an 11 to 12 lb trout. Not bad at all. I still haven't been able to match my 34" x 20.5" and 32" x 21" rainbows from 2004. Still trying though.

As for wildlife, only one bear was sighted this year along with several moose, some loons, and many of the famed Alaska pigeons - Bald Eagles.

If you haven't had the chance to experience Alaska fishing and sightseeing don't let the opportunity pass you by. Fishing pressure will only continue to grow and the wilderness experiences diminish. It is a special place and the trout there are as big or bigger than anywhere in the world (and generally a lot closer and less expensive to get to). If you need suggestions feel free to contact the editor or the many OPTUers who have experienced the Great Land. *The Editor*

Here are two versions of the same fish. Note the value of a guide in projecting the size of your fish :-). His version definitely looks bigger.





## Newsletter Items That Don't Often Change

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### MOVIE LINKS

**Please** send links to movies you have seen on YouTube or other places. I'll check it out and post. Here are a few:

Top Ten Viral Flyfishing Videos (courtesy of Ernie Gradillas) [http://www.flyfishinsalt.com/news/top-10-fly-fishing-videos?](http://www.flyfishinsalt.com/news/top-10-fly-fishing-videos?cmsgid=enews040213&spPodID=030&spMailingID=17130073&spUserID=MzU4MjY4ODA3NTQSI&spJobID=213641885&spReportId=MjEzNjQxODg1So)

<http://www.flyfishinsalt.com/news/top-10-fly-fishing-videos?cmsgid=enews040213&spPodID=030&spMailingID=17130073&spUserID=MzU4MjY4ODA3NTQSI&spJobID=213641885&spReportId=MjEzNjQxODg1So>

Catching a nice Gila trout

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bXEZVJmD3Yo>

This is a classic TU film called The Way of a Trout.

<http://www.lrcctu.org/movies/TheWayofaTrout/>

Trout in the Classroom Video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QWlnuFkCPFg>

Check out this video of Chris Woods of TU talking about our efforts in the Southwest.

<http://youtu.be/CwFry99OhqE>

This URL refers to the 1<sup>st</sup> book written on fly-fishing by a Benedictine nun and published in 1496. It shows a block print with the first Tenkara-style fly-fishing - recorded in Europe (not Japan). No fly reels back then.

<http://www.headwatersofhistory.com/2012/01/interviews-with-anglers-past-dame-juliana.html>

Controversy about what open containment fish farms are doing to native fish and what they might be doing to you when you buy farmed salmon at Costco. It is long but instructive. *Ernie Gradillas*

<http://vimeo.com/61301410>

### HELP ON PLACES TO FISH

Names and email addresses of OPTU members who have kindly agreed to share their fishing waters' knowledge with members who have not fished the particular waters before and are looking for advice is now available for downloading on the new OPTU website at:

<http://optu.org/FISHING%20WATERS%20HELP.doc>. A good first lead about where and when to fish, or where to stay can make the trip easier and more enjoyable. The list is alphabetical by state and several foreign locations are also included. For advice about one of the areas or rivers on the list, get in touch with the named colleague by email and make arrangements to talk to them by phone.

Additionally, courtesy of OPTU flyfisher Don Maggert, there is a disc containing articles pulled from the Web about fly fishing some thirty well-regarded Western rivers (mostly in Colorado and Montana as well as a few from Idaho and Utah). Send me a name of the river and I will check to see if it is on Don's disc and if so, I will forward the write-up. *Stan Vanagunas* [vanagunas@msn.com](mailto:vanagunas@msn.com)

### OPTU FACEBOOK GROUP

If you add the OPTU group to your links in Facebook it will help make contacts with members. *Joe DeVries* [jrdaz@cox.net](mailto:jrdaz@cox.net)

### EDDIES NEWSLETTER

In case you would like to receive "Eddies: Reflections on Fisheries Conservation," click on the link and sign up for paper or email delivery. <http://www.fws.gov/fisheries/eddies/Subscribe/Subs.cfm>

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